

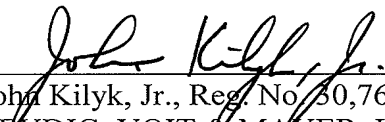
*REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*

Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-6, 17, and 18) directed to a sulfite composition.

Applicants understand (and request) that, upon allowance of a claim directed to the elected subject matter, any non-elected claims that depend on, or otherwise contain the limitations of, the allowed claim will be rejoined and examined.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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